

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 599

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Eric Charles Fesmire
upon ranking fourth in the 2009 graduating class
of Lexington High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Eric Charles Fesmire is one such exceptional student who recently ranked fourth in the 2009 graduating class at Lexington High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Eric has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born in Jackson, Eric attended Caywood Elementary and Caywood Middle School in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership through his involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Fesmire has given of his time and many talents as a member of Christians on Campus and the Air Force JROTC program, in which program he has truly established himself as a leader; and

WHEREAS, a four-year member of the JROTC, Eric began as a Cadet Airman Basic at the start of his freshman year and progressed, through hard work and dedication, until he became a full Cadet Colonel; in the JROTC, he has taken advantage of many singular opportunities, participating on the drill team, the color guard, the saber team, rocketry, and group staff, and even receiving an appointment as Group Commander for the first semester of his senior year; and

WHEREAS, a young man of extreme intellect, Eric Fesmire challenged himself by enrolling in and completing honors and dual credit classes during all four years of high school, providing him with a head start on his college career and giving him the chance to build deep friendships through the rigorous classes, including a friendship with his best friend Glenn DeWitt; and

WHEREAS, deeply passionate about his faith, Eric became a Christian on the second Sunday in January of 2005; since that moment, he has looked to Christ for guidance and has committed to following Him in everything he does; and

WHEREAS, a talented musician, he is a member of a contemporary Christian band called Still Waters; the group is devoted to sharing Christ's love and hope with their peers and multiplying God's kingdom on earth; and

WHEREAS, Eric Fesmire's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Albert and Renee Fesmire; his sister, Rachel Fesmire; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, Eric's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Eric Charles Fesmire for ranking fourth in the 2009 graduating class at Lexington High School and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.